

## **2005-06 Subsidy Business Plan Web Site Guide to North Carolina Resources**

### **Resources for Preschool Children**

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#### **Head Start**

Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive preschool program designed to meet emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs of three and four year olds and their families. For more information visit: To find a local Head Start office in your area visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/hsweb/index.jsp>

#### **Smart Start**

Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally recognized and award-winning early childhood initiative designed to ensure that young children enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

#### **More at Four Pre-kindergarten Program**

The More at Four Pre-kindergarten Program is a state-funded community-based, voluntary pre-kindergarten initiative designed to prepare at-risk four-year-olds in North Carolina for success in school. Programs are to meet high quality standards with a specific curriculum that focuses on preparing children in developmentally appropriate ways for success in schools (e.g., emphasis on literacy, numbers, physical/fine-motor development, and problem solving/thinking).

#### **Children's Development Services Agency (CDSA)**

The Children's Developmental Services Agency specializes in the development of young children. The agency specializes in helping children reach their fullest potential in learning skills, social skills, emotional development, physical and motor development, adaptive skills and speech and language skills.

### **Resources for School-aged Children**

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#### **Support Our Students (S.O.S.)**

The Support Our Students initiative (S.O.S.) aims to help prevent juvenile crime by rallying communities around their young people, helping to steer them away from trouble and into positive constructive activities.

#### **Communities in Schools (CIS)**

The purpose of Communities in Schools is to bring together resources, services, business partners, parents and volunteers into public schools and after school sites across North Carolina.

### **North Carolina 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers**

The focus of this program is to provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low performing schools. To locate programs in your area visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/CCLC/grantees.cfm>

### **NC 4-H School-Age Care Program**

The primary objectives of the NC 4-H School-Age Care Program are to increase the availability of after school programs and improve the quality of existing after school programs. Visit [www.nc4h.org/afterschool/funding.php](http://www.nc4h.org/afterschool/funding.php) to link to funding information.

### **North Carolina Center for Afterschool Programs (NC CAP)**

NC Cap brings together afterschool providers, community leaders and policy makers to build a network that addresses the issues of quality, accessibility and sustainable funding for afterschool care. Visit [www.nccap.net/funding/tools.cfm](http://www.nccap.net/funding/tools.cfm) to access information on federal, state and local fund sources.

## **Resources for Special Needs Children**

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### **Partnerships for Inclusion (PFI)**

PFI is a statewide technical assistance project with offices in the western, central and eastern regions of North Carolina. Administratively housed at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill, PFI provides technical assistance to support the inclusion of young children with disabilities from birth through age five, in all aspects of community life.

### **Children with Disabilities**

The *Children with Disabilities* web site offers families, service providers and other interested individuals information about advocacy, education, employment, health, housing, recreation, technical assistance and transportation covering a broad array of developmental, physical and emotional disabilities.

### **Early Intervention Professional Services - Infant Toddler Program**

Check-It-Out (CIO) is a coordinated effort to loan assistive technology equipment to North Carolinians with disabilities, their families, and their service providers. The goal of this statewide network is to increase accessibility to adaptive devices by linking existing equipment loan programs via the World Wide Web.

### **First In Families**

The goal of First In Families of North Carolina is to support people with developmental disabilities and their families to create the lives they want now and in the future. First In Families promotes and practices customer leadership and believes that people with disabilities are the experts in what they need.

## **Resources for Providers**

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### **Child Care W.A.G.E.\$ Project**

The Child Care W.A.G.E.\$ Project provides education-based salary supplements to low paid teachers, directors and family child care providers working with children between the birth and age 5. The project was designed to provide preschool children more stable relationships with better-educated teachers by rewarding teacher education and continuity of care.

### **North Carolina School-Age Care Coalition**

The North Carolina School-Age Care Coalition (NCSACC) is dedicated to enhancing and facilitating developmentally appropriate care for school-age children outside traditional school hours.

### **North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAEYC)**

The North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children promotes excellence in care, education and services for all children birth through age eight. NCAEYC is committed to supporting programs and professionals serving young children and their families.

### **Success INC**

The mission of Success INC is to support efforts to meet the needs of all young children and their families through in-service, networking, and collaboration among early childhood professionals, families and agencies.

### **Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.)**

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Project provides scholarships to child care workers to complete course work in early childhood education and to increase their compensation.

### **Child and Adult Care Food Program**

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded program which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The purpose of the program is to ensure that eligible children and adults who attend qualifying non-residential care facilities receive nutritious meals.

### **North Carolina Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development**

The mission of the Institute is to define and advocate for the implementation of a comprehensive early childhood professional development system that provides supportive, accessible and individually appropriate education that is linked to compensation in order to ensure high quality care and education services for children and families.

### **Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)**

The North Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral Network serves as the statewide professional organization of its member agencies. The primary function of the CCR&R is to offer members professional support to advocate on behalf of North Carolina's child care community.

### **United Way of North Carolina**

The United Way of North Carolina is a state organization whose purpose is to provide government relations, technical assistance, training and a wide range of other services to 66 local United Way organizations covering 85 counties in North Carolina and help them increase their capacity to better serve their communities

### **Resources on Research and Advocacy**

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#### **Carolina Abecedarian Project**

The Abecedarian Project was a carefully controlled study in which 57 infants from low-income families were randomly assigned to receive early intervention in a high quality child care setting and 54 were in a non-treated control group. Results of the study indicate the benefits of quality child care.

#### **Fight Crimes: Invest in Kids North Carolina**

This organization urges public officials to adopt a four-part plan to dramatically reduce crime and violence and help young people learn the skills and values they need to become good neighbors and responsible adults. No plan can prevent every violent act, but this common-sense plan addresses programs like pre-kindergarten and educational child care, youth development programs for the after-school and summer hours, child abuse prevention and intervention programs.

#### **The North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute**

Influences public policy to make North Carolina a better place to be a child and raise a child.